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## FIRST CASE WENT AGAINST YOUNGS

A VERDICT RETURNED OF \$11,200 FOR THE COMPLAINANT

### JURY ORDERED ONE VERDICT

Ed. Hergard is Convicted but John Cusian Got Off Through the Jury's Leniency

Undoubtedly the most interesting, if not the most important, litigation in the history of Iron county held the boards at the court house the first half of this past week. The litigation referred to is that of the Lake Erie Ore interests against G. W. Youngs, formerly of Iron River, Mich., but now of Keweenaw, Wis. The action heard this week was that of the Lake Erie Ore Co. vs G. W. Youngs in which complaint the Lake Erie company sought to compel Mr. Youngs to pay into the treasury of the bankrupt Groveland Mining Co. some \$40,000 which the Lake Erie people claimed Mr. Youngs should have paid for the stock he held in the company and which he failed to pay.

As we gather the story from the testimony the Lake Erie Ore Co., under the regime, had been mixed up with Mr. Youngs in the Youngs mine at Iron River. The Youngs interests claim that the late Captain Bartow, who by-the-way was president of the Lake Erie Ore Co., asked Mr. Youngs to find him some low price ore for the Lake Erie Ore Co. to sell. Mr. Youngs had had offered to him by one Luke, an option on the Groveland mine in Felch township, Dickinson county. This mine had had a checkered career, the last operators, Corrigan McKinney & Co., being compelled to dump some of the ore it mined at the property into Lake Michigan because they were unable to sell it.

However, Captain Bartow felt that his company could sell this ore as furnace practice had changed considerably between the time Corrigan McKinney operated the property and the year 1907 when Mr. Youngs was delegated to get the low price ore. The Groveland Mining Co. was formed with Mr. Youngs, Captain Bartow, Lake Erie Ore Co. and other interests taking stock in same. The capitalization of company was fixed at \$200,000. This is a very important item as the capitalization of the property at that sum was dwelt upon by the complainant who charged Mr. Youngs with exorbitantly capitalizing the property.

The testimony showed that Youngs and Bartow spent \$9,200.00 in pumping out the mine. This was about all that was spent upon the property preparatory to starting mining operations.

**Lake Erie Loaned Ore Ore**  
The Lake Erie Ore Co. being ore brokers followed the usual custom of such interests and advanced \$1.00 per ton upon the ore in stock. The sales of ore were disappointing and the Lake Erie company kept getting the Groveland mining Co. more and more into its debt.

In 1912 Captain Bartow died and then commenced a change of things in the management of the Lake Erie Ore Co. The new officials began to aspire to management of the ore mines in which the company held stock and a family row arose between the Youngs interests and the Lewis interests of Lake Erie Ore. This quarrel finally culminated in the Lake Erie Ore wresting the management of the Groveland company from the Youngs crowd.

The Lake Erie company continued to operate the Groveland mine for a couple of years. Much diamond drill work and dead work was done and when it became apparent that the venture was not going to pan out as a success the property was thrown into bankruptcy. The principal and almost the only creditor was the Lake Erie Ore which had advanced the money to operate the property. The Ore company immediately began proceedings to get back some of the money that it had expended and, as one of the sources, started through the receive proceedings against Mr. Youngs to compel him to come across with the difference between the par value of the stock he held and the amount of cash that he had paid in.

**Claimed It was a Fraud**  
As has been stated, the Lake Erie (Continued on Page 4.)

## WILL LOCATE ELSEWHERE

Prominent Real Estate Man Left This City For Larger Field

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Smith of this city will regret very much to learn of Mr. Smith's intention to leave this city, for Minneapolis where Mr. Smith will widen out in his regular line of business. He left this city last Thursday night for his new location to make arrangements for moving his household goods. He will remain up there and Mrs. Smith and family will follow some time next month.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith came to this city eight years ago and during that time Mr. Smith has been very successful in the abstract business. They made many fast friends during their stay in Crystal Falls who regret to lose them from their midst but will rejoice to learn that the move is a better one for Mr. Smith's line of business.

A large number of friends congregated at the Smith home last Tuesday night and gave them a very pleasant surprise. They were presented with a very pretty piece of cut glass, Dr. C. F. Larson making the presentation speech in behalf of the many friends. It was a part that will long be remembered in the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Smith. The Diamond Drill joins in with their many friends in wishing them success in their new location.

## DEATH OF FRANK PONCHAUD

Frank Ponchaud, a pioneer resident of the community, passed away at his home near Balsam last Thursday about noon. Mr. Ponchaud had been ill for a number of months and his death was not unexpected.

The deceased was 86 years of age and before his death he was remarkably vigorous and retained a clear head up until shortly before his death.

He was born in England and came to this country from Canada, settling first in Indiana. In 1886 he came to Crystal Falls and has been a constant resident of the place since that time.

He is survived by six children, Jas. John and Charles Ponchaud, Mrs. R. P. Hollow, Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, of this city and Jesse Ponchaud of Iowa.

## GRANGERS WILL PICNIC

The first picnic of the season will be given at Fortune lake on the 25th of this month. The picnic will be given under auspices of the Grangers of Iron County and given promise to be a big affair as people will attend from all over the county. Chas. Rogers' farm has been selected for the picnic grounds and a committee has already been selected to arrange for the affair. Dinner will be served to all the grangers free of charge and all visitors will be served at a rate of 25 cents per plate.

## MIDSUMMER SOCIAL

The Ladies' of the Guardian Angels' Church will give a lawn social on the premises of the old Central school on Midsummer day, June 24th in the afternoon and evening. Ice cream, cake and other refreshments will be served. Good music. Proceeds will go toward painting the church and priest's house and other improvements. Good time promised to all.

## NEW AGENT

Geo. B. Rollin of this city was recently appointed agent of the Iron County Taxpayers' Association, to succeed H. C. Neely resigned. Mr. Neely made a fine record while in the service of the association but found the sacrifice too great to permit him to continue in the service. Mr. Neely's clerical force will be retained by Mr. Rollin.

## TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION

Assistant Postmaster Simon Bjork on Thursday tendered his resignation, having been offered the position of head time-keeper at the Bristol mine one of the big properties of the Crystal Falls district. The resignation will take effect July 1. Mr. Bjork is one of the most popular young men in this city and will be missed, especially by Postmaster Bush, who regards him as an honorable and efficient assistant. --Norway Current.

## ANOTHER BIG CIRCUS

Crystal Falls will have its share of circuses this year. Howes Great London Show will visit this city early in July and are said to be one of the big circuses on the road this year.

## CLASS OF 1916 BIDS FAREWELL

THIRTY SENIORS GIVEN DIPLOMAS WEDNESDAY NIGHT

### INTERESTING COMMENCEMENT

Large Crowd Present to See Seniors Reach the Goal They Worked So Long to Reach

The closing exercises of the Crystal Falls schools for 1916 were the equal if not the superior of any of the exercises in the history of the schools. In one respect the 1916 exercises excelled that of any other year and that was in the number of graduates, the class numbering 30 members.

#### The Class Day Exercises

So far as the distinctively school part of the program was concerned the Class Day exercises represented the effort of the pupils. The program was varied from the usual this year and in keeping with the form of exercises throughout the U. S. a Shakespeare program being presented to the large number of school patrons that were present.

The work was the rendition of "As You Like It" by the pupils of the Senior class. Costumes had been provided for those who took part in the play and the efforts of the class were highly creditable in every way.

The cast of characters was published in these columns last week and those taking part did well in every particular. Some of the pupils, because of natural attitude to such work did better in the parts that they presented than others but taken on the whole the work was about on a par all through.

#### Commencement Night

The large assembly room of the Forest Park building was crowded to the doors on Thursday evening when the annual commencement exercises took place.

The mandolin club, of which Mrs. Haight is leader, was present and varied the exercises by two excellent performances.

The pupils taking part in the program were those who had won distinction in their work during the four years of high school life.

Miss Vivian Scadden presented the history of the class in an excellently prepared manuscript and was followed by Miss Lillian Olson who explained the class motto "Tonight We Launch Where Shall We Anchor?"

Willis Breger then presented the class poem and then came the highly interesting class prophecy. The scene of the prophecy was laid in Mars in 1936 with Walter Bauer, as chief of the planet, listening to reports from a party of aviator scouts sent by him to the Earth to spy upon the United States with whom Mars was contemplating a great war.

The aviators, Eunice Heck, Gertrude Moline, Ethel Chadbourne, Chester Bowden and George Cassidy, made their reports in a manner that amused the audience very much, their tales of wit at the expense of their fellow class members being highly pleasing to all. The plan was admirably laid and those who planned it and carried it out deserve much credit.

Emil Soderman delivered the class oration. His theme was preparedness and his canvas of the subject showed that he had given the subject much thought.

Amy Mason read the class will and it certainly was some will, the admirable manner in which it was read adding much to the enjoyment of the paper.

James Bowden presented to the school a fine statue of Abraham Lincoln. The gift forms one of the finest memorials left to the school by any class in the history of the institution.

The valedictory address by Miss Geode Benson was forceful in text and perfect in rendition.

Then followed a short address by Chas. H. Watson. Every person in the audience was sorry when Mr. Watson's address was at an end for he held his audience breathless during his speech and was given frequent applause. He dwelt in the main upon the necessity of cultivating a pure American spirit in our public schools. The theme was a popular one and the speaker handled it perfectly. The diplomas were presented to

## HEAVY ORE MOVEMENT

Record for a Single Month Was Broken During May

The ore movement during May was the heaviest in the history of the trade, breaking the previous record that was made in July, 1913. During the month that just closed 8,449,580 tons of ore went to lower lake ports from the Lake Superior district. This was the increase of 3,437,221 tons over the shipments for May of last year. The movement of June 1, this year, reached the total of 10,107,991 tons, an increase of about 4,500,000 tons over the same period of 1915.

Following are the shipments by ports for last month:

Escanaba	1,045,186
Marquette	561,555
Ashland	955,041
Superior	1,722,341
Duluth	2,871,044
Two Harbors	1,499,413

## WIDSTRAND-PETERSON

A very pretty wedding was solemnized in this city yesterday afternoon when Miss Eva M. Peterson, sister of Mrs. Fred Hooper was married to Norman Widstrand. The wedding ceremony was performed at the home of Mrs. Hooper and was performed by Rev. Coombe of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The wedding was witnessed by only a few of the friends and relatives of the contracting couple. After the ceremony all sat down to a sumptuous supper which awaited them.

As a result of this knot being tied the ranks of the K. of P. batches were pulled down one more peg by Dan Cupid who has been on the job since the famous party given by the bachelors.

The groom is a young man who was reared in Crystal Falls and is well and favorably known. He holds a responsible position in the laboratories of Leach Bros. of this city.

The bride came to this city about four years ago to live with her sister Mrs. Fred H. Hooper and during her stay in this city has become very popular.

The young couple will make their home in this city and have already gone to house keeping. They have the best of wishes of their many friends.

## A HOME WEDDING

On Monday of this week at the home of her parents Miss Stella Johnson was married to Mr. Edwin M. Dahlberg of McHenry County Ill. The wedding was a very quiet affair attended by relatives.

The bride has the good wishes of a very large circle of friends. She has been a teacher for some years and has won many hearts among parents and pupils.

Mr. Dahlberg is a graduate of Beloit College. He is a teacher by profession. The young couple go to their summer home in Wisconsin for a vacation and later they go to Ill., where Prof. Dahlberg has accepted a desirable position in the High School near his home.

The Rev. Dr. John H. Davis of St. Mark's Episcopal Church performed the ceremony.

## L. A. FLAGLER LOCATED HERE

L. A. Flagler, who for the past several years has been employed as land agent for the Nevada Land company has resigned his position and moved to this city. He has already opened up an office in the old Division building on upper Superior avenue where he will be prepared to meet all who are interested in land matters of any kind. Mr. Flagler will also have charge of the Forest Park Addition sales.

During his stay in Alpha, Mr. Flagler built up a fine reputation for himself as a land expert and the people of Crystal Falls can rely upon him to fill their wants in this particular line of business.

## ORE SHIPMENTS

The North-Western road has been handling ore from this district to the Escanaba docks during the past several days at the rate of over 1000 cars daily. This means a daily movement of nearly 55,000 tons. Ore service on the St. Paul road has been retarded by defective bridges and washouts on the Escanaba & Lake Superior road.

The pupils by Prof. Burkhardt and the members of the Class of 1916 ceased to be members of the Crystal Falls schools.

## CRYSTAL FALLS WILL CELEBRATE

A ROUSING CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD HERE ON JULY 4.

### C. FALLS BAND ENGAGED

Committee Has Nearly \$500 Collected To Date--Fund Will Easily Reach \$900

Crystal Falls will celebrate the Fourth of July in the proper manner this year. Such was the decision of several citizens who met in the council room last Tuesday evening in response to a call for a meeting to decide on a celebration.

For the past several years the celebrations have been given over to the kids, with nothing doing for the older ones. At the meeting it was decided to have something in the program for the old as well as the young and a committee has already been appointed to go after the affair in the proper way and map out one of the real old rousing celebrations for Crystal Falls.

R. B. Webb was appointed chairman of the committee and he, with his assistants started out collecting among the different mines last Thursday and received great encouragement for liberal donations from all the companies. The committee is circulating among the business men today and we will make a full report on the city collections together with that given by the mining companies next week.

The city has already donated \$100 which will go towards keeping the band in Crystal Falls this fourth. The band had several offers to play outside of town but turned them down when a celebration for Crystal Falls was assured.

The committee will arrange a program that will appeal to the old as well as the young alike. It has been arranged to have a grand display of fireworks in the evening as a windup of the days sports. A dance will probably be arranged for in the City Hall Auditorium.

There will be some thing doing every minute in Crystal Falls on Independence day.

## BASS SEASON OPENED

The season for fishing bass opened last Thursday, June 15 and many local fishermen took advantage of the first day and left in the early hours of that morning for the lakes where bass fishing is the best. Fortune lake, Tobin lake and Chicago lake will receive their share of visitors during this season as bass fishing in any of these three lakes is good. On account of the late summer fishing will not be good for at least three weeks more the bass being still in the deep water.

Because of the numerous fishermen that have been disregarding the law about fishing with nets the following from the fishing rules of 1916 may aid in putting those who are in doubt about this matter right.

Nets cannot be used, except dip nets and minnow seines, and it is unlawful to have any in possession within one half mile of any inland lake or stream.

Dip nets may be used to catch suckers, mullets, red sides, and grass pike in the streams and rivers during March and April.

Minnow seine, not more than 20 feet in length, may be used to catch clubbers, suckers, drace and stonerollers from any of the inland waters of this state. These are to be used as bait only however.

## WILL TEACH AT STANBAUGH

Russell H. Richards of this city has been appointed to take charge of the commercial courses in the Stanbaugh High School. Mr. Richards is a graduate of the Crystal Falls High School and subsequent to his graduation here, completed a three years' course in Albion College, graduating from that institution with honors and the degree of B. C. S. He is a son of Captain and Mrs. W. J. Richards of this city. As an exemplary and studious young man, he has won the confidence of his many friends in his entire success in his chosen field of effort.

Dr. E. B. McDaniels is back in the hospital after being away on a two weeks business mission.

## WANTS A GRAND JURY

Iron River Reporter Suggests Calling One to Settle Liquor Cases

An editorial referring to a communication published in the current issue of the Iron River Reporter, reveals some inside facts concerning persistent violations of the local option law in this county. A sentence from the editorial is convincing that "dry" Iron county is anything but "dry" under the local option rule. "No where near an accurate check could be placed upon the amount of beer and whiskey brought into Iron county, as a large part of the whiskey, undoubtedly is carried here in suit cases and as hand baggage. A great deal may be carried in automobiles also and most of the beer is shipped by freight because of its bulk."

The editorial follows:

"Under 'Voice of the People' this week Mr. Waeber asks why doesn't the Reporter check up shipments of booze coming into Iron River. There are two leading reasons. The first is the ferreting out of crime and law violations are duties of the prosecuting attorney and officers of the law. The second reason is that no where near an accurate check could be placed upon the amount of beer and whiskey brought into Iron county, as a large part of the whiskey undoubtedly is carried here in suit cases and as hand baggage. A great deal may be carried in automobiles, also. Most of the beer is shipped by freight because of its bulk."

If Mr. Waeber is familiar with the shipments of booze as he claims to be and knows of so many law violations why in the name of common sense doesn't he lay his complaints before Prosecuting Attorney Waffan whose duty it is to investigate such charges instead of writing columns in the Reporter and criticizing this paper for alleged negligence of the prosecuting attorney and officers.

Mr. Waeber claims to be a highly learned man. No doubt he is, but this fact makes it all the more astonishing as to why he can't hit the mark and place responsibility where it belongs. He must know that in almost every daily paper he picks up he reads what some prosecuting attorney is doing to clean-up public affairs. Almost without exception prosecuting attorney conduct investigations of civic importance independent of police officers.

The prosecuting attorney holds the key to law enforcement. He is the power behind the officers and has authority to work with or without them. If evidence furnished by officers does not suit him he has authority to ask a stay of proceedings for further investigation and may take matters into his own hands. It is also his duty to make the most of all evidence submitted to law.

The Reporter asks that a grand jury be called to clear up this whole situation, which would bring about law enforcement and shut off this harping about who is responsible, and do away with gallery plays in justice courts and political speeches before juries.

## MAIN DRIVE SMALL

River Drive Recently Finished Is Smallest in History

This year's main river drive, one of the smallest in the history of Menominee river as a logging stream and probably next to the last drive to be brought down the river is proving a fiasco. Despite the fact that the drive contains only about 29,000,000 feet of logs and that it is now at White Rapids about 60 miles above Menominee, officials of the Menominee River Boom Company say the date upon which the drive will arrive at Menominee is still extremely problematical.

The reason for the trouble was the high water in the river, which sent some of the logs in the drive as much as a quarter of a mile inland. When the water abated from the flood stage these logs were left high and dry, many of them far from the river banks. Faced with this condition the boom company's men put teams at work hauling logs back into the water so that they can be floated to the mills in the twin cities. Eight teams have been busy hauling logs back to the river near White Rapids for two weeks, and it is said that there are many points between Menominee and the rapids where it will require several days for teams to get all the logs back into the stream.